

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A mono-tube type shock absorber comprising:

a spring receiver that holds a lower end of a suspension spring, the suspension spring urging the mono-tube type shock absorber in a direction of extending the mono-tube type shock absorber;

a cylinder constituting the mono-tube type shock absorber; and

a guide member to which the spring receiver is fixed, the guide member being fixed to an outer circumferential surface of the cylinder,

wherein:

the guide member is disposed with a predetermined gap being provided between the guide member and the cylinder;

an upper end portion of the guide member is ~~[[fixed]]~~ welded to an upper end portion of the cylinder;

a lower end portion of the guide member is open with respect to the cylinder;

and

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the spring receiver is ~~[[fixed]]~~ welded to the lower end portion of the guide member.

Claim 2 (Original): The mono-tube type shock absorber according to claim 1, wherein the guide member is constructed in a cylindrical shape.

Claim 3 (Canceled)